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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: ERDA/SFCP: US-POLISH COOPERATION IN COAL RESEARCH

REF: WARSAW 5224

1. REQUEST EMBASSY INFORM POLES OF FOLLOWING AND REPORT
REACTION:

A. ERDA IS READY TO SIGN COAL LIQUEFACTION AND MHD
CONTRACTS AS PREVIOUSLY NEGOTIATED (SUBJECT TO POINTS B
THRU E BELOW), WITHOUT FURTHER MEETING WITH POLES. ERDA
ASSUMES POLES ARE ALSO PREPARED TO SIGN AND THEREFORE SEES
NO JUSTIFICATION FOR TRAVEL COSTS FOR ANOTHER TRIP FOR
THIS PURPOSE.

B. ERDA BELIEVES THAT \$430,000 IS TOO HIGH A FIGURE FOR
TRAVEL IN SUPPORT OF COAL LIQUEFACTION AND PROPOSES
\$200,000 INSTEAD.

C. ERDA HAS NO FUNDS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROJECT ON
COMBUSTION OF SYNTHETIC FUELS FOR POWER GENERATION WHICH
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THE POLISH SIDE INFORMALLY SUGGESTED BE FUNDED FROM ITS

CONTRIBUTION (THE POLISH PAPER REQUESTED SOME \$800,000 IN EQUIPMENT TO BE FINANCED BY THE U.S.).

D. POLISH MHD PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE AS BASIS FOR CONTRACT OBLIGATING FUNDS NOW. ANTICIPATE DEVELOPMENT OF WORK PLAN ALONG LINES OF GOUSE JULY 15 TELEX TO KSANDER.

E. SINCE MHD PROJECT DEPENDENT UPON BOTH POLISH AND U.S. CONTRIBUTIONS, QUESTION OF FINANCING TRAVEL IN SUPPORT OF JOINTLY FINANCED PROJECTS MUST BE RESOLVED FIRST. FYI REPLY TO WARSAW 5137 ON TRAVEL ISSUE NOW BEING DRAFTED. END FYI.

2. EMBASSY WILL WISH TO CONSIDER INCLUDING IN ERDA COAL LIQUEFACTION CONTRACT, EITHER ORIGINALLY OR AS SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENT, ARRANGEMENTS FOR EMBASSY SUPPORT PER SEPTEL IN RESPONSE TO WARSAW 4983. REQUEST EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ERDA CONSIDERATION. KISSINGER

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